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WAGANAKISING ODAWAK STATUTE # _____
AMENDMENT TO WAGANAKISING ODAWAK STATUTE 2015-005
VICTIMS' RIGHTS

I. INSERT TO SECTION V. RIGHTS OF CRIME VICTIMS

L. Right to Confidentiality. All statements and information given by a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault to any victim advocate, therapist or counselor shall be deemed confidential, and shall not be admissible in court, absent a waiver of said confidentiality by the victim, or except as otherwise authorized by law or pursuant to court order. A therapist or counselor is a licensed individual with at least a bachelor's degree in counseling, psychology, social work or other related fields who is providing professional counseling, therapy or psychological services to a victim of domestic or sexual violence, whether paid or volunteer. A victim advocate is a professional individual trained and working in an office to provide information, emotional support, or assistance with community resources, be it financial, legal, therapeutic, or otherwise in order to help victims of domestic or sexual violence.

SECTION II. EFFECTIVE DATE

Effective upon signature of the Executive or thirty (30) days from Tribal Council approval whichever comes first or if the Executive vetoes the legislation, then upon Tribal Council override of the veto.

CERTIFICATION